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#### Directions:

- 1. Print this form\* (excluding the first page)
- 2. Sign the petition and fill out all required information including printed name, signature, mailing address, and date
- Mail the petition to SPR: Sentinelles Petitcodiac Riverkeeper CP300 STN Main Moncton NB E1C 8K9

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#### PETITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

## TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, ASSEMBLED:

**Whereas** the Memramcook River causeway and associated gates and supporting structures were built in 1973 and have been deteriorating from weather conditions and salt water ever since;

Whereas the causeway has altered the natural ecosystem in the 400 km2 watershed and contributed to the elimination of several kilometres of upstream estuary, affecting the tidal range, reduces access to the watershed, disrupts fish migrations, impacts nutrient exchange in the river system, and disturbs the sediment system;

Whereas community members and other key stakeholders have been calling for the removal of the Memramcook Causeway for a number of years;

**Whereas** when the gates are closed, the causeway obstructs fish passage to approximately 60% of the Memramcook River system;

Whereas the causeway has caused the elimination of nearly every fish species that once inhabited the river, including the distinct Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic salmon, American shad, Striped bass, Atlantic tomcod, Sea run brook trout and more;

Whereas the causeway blocks the river entirely it is now in violation of regulations involving the passage of fish and navigable water passage;

**Whereas** fishing has played an important role in the Mi'kmaq and Acadian communities of the Memramcook River;

**Whereas** Mi'kmaq in the region have a long history that showcases the Memramcook River's importance to their livelihood for transportation, food, etc.;

**Whereas** the precedent for restoring fish passage, one that is well demonstrated and proven on the Petitcodiac River, New Brunswick, we consider the opening of such barriers to free-tidal-flow for fish migrations as the right thing to do.

# THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED REQUESTS: That the Government of New Brunswick support the removal of the causeway in Memramcook.

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Date: January 10, 2023

